

YOUR KINGDOM COME

Kingdom Living

Asking, Seeking, Knocking

Matthew 7:7-11

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Father God, Almighty, You are Righteous, True, Faithful, Merciful, Wise and Good. Lord, we confess our tepid, half-hearted, frantic praying. We come so rarely and when we do it often is pressed in between all the calls, texts, Facebook posts, conversations and errands. We are so busy trying to control our lives we seldom pause to linger and rest in your presence--asking, seeking, knocking. Father, thank you for prayer. Thank you for the glorious, eternal privilege of prayer. Thank you for your Word filled with truth of who you are and what we should pray. Lord, come this morning and show us our soul's bankruptcy apart from communion with You. Would you begin by causing each of us to be poor in spirit that we may realize our need and our great joy in seeking first the kingdom of heaven and your righteousness. Lord, convince us this morning that you are very good. And in your goodness you desire to lavish your radiant blessings upon your children. Father remove the weary doubting in our hearts and plant there a firm and abiding faith. Father pluck out the dread and despair which is so deep within and cause your sure and glorious hope to flourish. May your Word and Spirit come and meet us here this morning that we might be drawn near and find our refuge and strength in Jesus Christ alone. Amen & Amen.

OUTLINE

1. Pray with Endurance (v. 7)
2. Pray with Assurance (v. 8)
3. Pray with Confidence (vv. 9-11)

Central Textual Truth

Jesus is teaching his disciples that kingdom citizens pray persistently.

Central Sermon Aim

I want SGBC to persistently pray.